

bya paludosa) twice (once north of Loch Avich and once south of Loch Awe).

A peculiar Foxglove - *Digitalis monstrosa*

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On 17th June 1994, in the company of some students of L'Ecole des Plantes, Paris, I found some 24 to 30 specimens of a peculiar Foxglove growing on the machair beside the first fairway of Blackwaterfoot Golf Course, Arran. The terminal flowers of the spike had become fused together and resembled an upward-pointing Canterbury Bell.

It would appear from an article by Dr Stephen Buczacki in the August 1994 edition of the BBC publication *Gardeners' World* that they are *Digitalis monstrosa*, the Gloxinia-flowered Foxglove, an aberration which "apparently comes true if seed is collected from affected plants".

Some of the 30 specimens are now in Paris and elsewhere!

Hoary Mugwort (*Artemisia stelleriana*) in Ayrshire.

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In late October 1994 Mr E. Nugent of Troon reported to me that he had found *Artemisia stelleriana* on the shore between Barassie and Gailes, Ayrshire, V.C.75. The plant, a white tomentose perennial with rhizomatose rootstock, is an introduction in the British Isles, being a native of Kamchatka.

On 27th October I visited the area Mr Nugent had indicated and had no difficulty finding the plants in kilometer square NS 32-34-. A number of clumps of varying size, the largest being up to 3 or 4 feet in circumference, were scattered along the beach over a distance of about 300 yards. They were growing in loose sand on the upper shore among Marram and Lyme Grass. Other accompanying plants included Sea Sandwort (*Honckenya peploides*), Sea Rocket (*Cakile maritima*) and Prickly Saltwort (*Salsola kali*). The more mature clumps had flowered freely, and even at this late date a few fresh flowers were noted.

This is the third locality where Hoary Mugwort has been found in south-west Scotland, the others being on the Solway shore in Kirkcubrightshire and at Brodick Bay, Arran. Interesting accounts of the plant